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Coastal Security
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in external threat through the sea-route and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently undertaken a review of coastal security apparatus of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to acquire modern equipment including radars for coastal security / surveillance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to secure our sea-routes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
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(a)&(b): Government regularly reviews the threat perception from time to time and takes appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorialintegrity and security of the country. It includes review by National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security against threats from the sea (NCSMCS) under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary. The last meeting of NCSMCS was held on 16.10.2015.

(c)&(d): Modern equipments including Radars are envisaged for procurement under Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN). Already under Phase-I of CSN 45 Radar Stations (RS) have been made operational. The joint efforts of various stakeholders like Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and various State Governments have contributed towards strengthening the Coastal Security apparatus. This includes Exclusive Economic Zone Surveillance, coordinated patrols and awareness drives conducted by Navy in conjunction with Coast Guard and State Governments to sensitize the fishing/ coastal community about threats from the sea.
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